



Medical Care Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of Meeting
February 16, 2010
10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Members Present:

Sue Berkowitz	J.E. Mercer, DDS
Lynn Connolly	Jackie Richards
James M. DuRant, Jr., MD	Ralph Riley, MD
T.A. Gailey, Jr., MD	Sabra Slaughter
Richard K. Harding, MD	Caughman Taylor
J.T. McLawhorn	

Members Absent:

John Barber	Greta Harper, MD
John Black, MD	C. Earl Hunter
Charles Darby, MD	William Moran, MD
David Habib, MD	Vicky Reynders

I. Call to Order – Committee Chairman

In the Chairman's absence, Dr. Gailey called the meeting to order. Committee members and guest introduced themselves.

II. Approval of November 17, 2009 Minutes of Meeting – Committee Chairman

Upon motion and second, minutes of November 17, 2009 meeting were approved.

III. Director's Report– Emma Forkner, Agency Director

Ms. Forkner informed everyone the meeting would be more informational as there were no Advisement Items to be presented to the Committee for approval.

Ms. Forkner began by sharing information on the Electronic Health Record Incentive Payment Program (EHRIPP). CMS announced that SC was awarded Federal matching dollars – approximately 1.4 million – allowing participation in the EHRIPP starting late 2010. Ms. Forkner explained in detail how the program will work and how the money can be distributed to providers. Handouts were provided. Everyone was reminded of the upcoming April 18th, Health Information Technology Summit and invited to come.

IV. Fiscal Report – William Wells, Deputy Director Finance and Administration

Mr. Wells shared the December 09 letter from the State Budget and Control Board regarding the across the board cut – 5% reduction - sharing the impact on DHHS. Moving on to the monthly budget reports, Mr. Wells

noted that we are running slightly over the budget by a few percent and continue to monitor this closely. He also discussed the budget line growths and what contributes to this growth.

Ms. Berkowitz questioned the EPSDT line, and Mr. Wells explained it is not due to cuts; however, due to the movement to the managed care plans. Ms. Berkowitz asked for an EPSDT report that would provide information on how these services are provided to Fee for Service and Managed Care populations. Ms. Forkner agreed that we could provide this information at a later meeting.

Mr. Wells referred to handouts of the budget structure and how it has changed over the years and explained in detail.

Ms. Berkowitz suggested that letters be sent to our legislative delegation requesting support in extending the increased federal matching assistance percentage (FMAP) rate authorized last year by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Mr. McLawhorn 2nd the recommendation. The Committee voted in favor for the letter to be sent by Committee Chairman, Dr. Charles Darby.

Mr. McLawhorn asked about the savings of the managed care program, and Mr. Wells proceeded to explained. Mr. McLawhorn also commended staff during such difficult times.

Dr. Taylor commented regarding conflicting information as to whether managed care is really saving money. He asked for details regarding managed care rate setting process and risk adjustment procedures. Ms. Forkner agreed to have the Milliman actuaries provide an overview at the next meeting.

V. Eligibility Report – Alicia Jacobs, Deputy Director, Eligibility and Beneficiary Services

Ms. Jacobs confirmed that enrollment continues to go up and referred to her slides/handouts as she explained the numbers. In February, 15,214 kids were enrolled in HCK – a separate CHIP program. Ms. Jacobs gave details regarding the other adult category with much discussion regarding the Family Planning Waiver and the stipulation to now qualify. Ms. Jacobs confirmed that contact had been made with CMS to voice our concerns. Pregnant women (category 87) enrollment has seen a slight decrease with no explanation for it.

Mr. McLawhorn asked if the MAPPS program could have anything to do with this as South Carolina has been a national model for reducing teen pregnancy. He questioned where we are today and is there a correlation between what MAPPS does and the reduction in teen pregnancy. Ms. Forkner agreed that we could update this information and present it at a later meeting.

VI. Program Update – Amendment to Community Choices Waiver– Provided by Felicity Myers

CLTC staff continues to look for budget neutral ways to improve our Home and Community Based Services.

To provide an update on two new services and the Community Choice Waiver, a handout summary of the waivers that DHHS and DDSN manage was provided. It provides eligibility, level of care and the services.

Telemonitoring has been added to the Community Choices Waiver and are in the process of adding Adult Foster Care will be added. Studies of our elderly population reveal that their health status is getting worse over time as well as more individuals with chronic medical conditions in our waiver. Since this waiver has been more focused on social needs rather than medical needs, we felt telemonitoring may delay hospitalizations or nursing home placements for this waiver population. It was added in October and identified approximately 600 beneficiaries that were eligible; however, 125 of them have begun participating and choosing a provider.

DHHS has been working with DSS on Adult Foster Care for about three years now – a program similar to the Department of Mental Health Homeshare Model and will be limited to Adult Protective Services (APS) at this time. There are hopes to expand beyond APS.

VII. Committee Advisement Items – No Advisement Items.

VIII. Closing Comments – Committee Chairman

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 10:00 am.

IX. Adjournment